

Seattle Commission for People with disAbilities

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 16, 2012, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Seattle City Hall Boards and Commissions Room

Commissioners Present: Mark Adreon, Mike Barta, Joshua Caple, Rebecca C. Cory, Charlene Curtiss, Vickie Foster, Laura Gramer, Mary Beth Lum, Jonathan Porter, Emerson Sekins, Gary Stobbe, Deborah Witmer, Sara Woody

Commissioner Regrets: Patricia Copeland

Commissioners by Phone: Hope Drummond

Guests: Two members of the public

SOCR Staff Present: Felicia Yearwood, Michael Chin

Call to Order: 4:30 by Mary Beth Lum

Public Comment: Representatives of [Stand-Up America](#) expressed concerns about Seattle Human Services Department contractors overcharging the City

Approval of Minutes: December 2011 approved as read

SOCR Report: Michael Chin encouraged commissioners to provide feedback on paid sick and safe leave, particularly on needed clarification, outreach, and resources.

Guest Speakers: Jennifer Wieland, Seattle Department of Transportation, and Nathan Torgelson, Parks & Recreation

- The City is exploring several options for development of the waterfront, seeking public input, looking at funding options
- Accessibility is a key planning principle
- Striving to satisfy all needs, but not necessarily all wants

Committee Reports:

- Bylaws: Will present recommendations at March meeting
- Issues: The [Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities](#) (COD) would like to work with SCPWD to research placard abuse statewide and develop a public education campaign. SDOT also sought commission input on a possible PSA. Emerson, Charlene, Mark, and Vickie will follow up with Gerrit Nyland of COD and Mary Catherine Snyder of SDOT.
- Education: Deborah met with Emergency Management to debrief after the January snowstorm. Mike is working to make the emergency web page more accessible. Rebecca is planning to train SOCR staff on Universal Design. Emerson is researching best practices for police training. Sara will follow up on request from Council Member Conlin for information on hearing loops.
- Nominating: One current vacancy, possible additional vacancies if current commissioners decline to be reappointed. Mike will lead, Deborah will assist.
- Outreach: Next meeting scheduled for Douglass Truth Library, Joshua to step down as chair, Mike to assume chair

New Business:

- Felicia will distribute list of City Council Committees for 2012 so that commissioners may identify committees whose agendas they want to follow.
- Volunteers needed for bias crimes forum and human rights day event planning committees. See Felicia for more info.